(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Role of National Highways Authority in finalisation of Road and Highway Projects

8131. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what would be the role of the proposed National Highways Authority in the finalisation of road projects and highway projects to be undertaken in the private sector, giving the full details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed National Highways Authority will play a role similar to the Central Electricity Authority, in selecting and approving highway projects from the foreign and private sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) As per the National Highways Authority of India Act passed by Parliament in 1988, the Authority will look after development and maintenance of National Highways entrusted to it.

(b) and (c) As per the Constitution of India, electricity is a state subject, whereas National Highways is a central subject. Therefore, the role of NHAI will not be similar to that of Central Electricity Authoriy.

Selection of Foreign Companies by States to build Roads and Highways

8132. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have been asked to locate and select foreign companies to build roads and highways;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines, if any, given to States in this regard;

(c) whether the proposed highways must meet certain minimum technical norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER (a) No, Sir. (b) to (d) Do not arise.

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Governors (Emoluments, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1982, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification Special Order No. 6|1|94-M & G, dated the 2nd May, 1995, authorising Governor of Uttar Pradesh for additional expenses during 1994-95 in respect of 'Electricity' and 'Improvement'.

[Pleased in Library. See No. LT-7690/95].

(i) Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port Wing).

(ii) Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Delhi Transport Corporation and related paptrs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): I lay on the Table—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notification of the Mintstry of Surface